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For: 26 Human Secreted Proteins

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PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143**WITH TRAVERSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 12, 2001, Applicants provisionally elect, *with traverse*, Group II, encompassing claims 11-12 and 14 and by newly added claims 24 to 75, drawn to a purified polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:56 and clone ID HYACJ27, for further prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions should the restriction requirement be made final. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal sheet, with appropriate fee; and (b) a Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months.

Prior to substantive examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following new claims 24 to 76:

-- 24. (New) An isolated protein comprising amino acid residues 19 to 79 of SEQ ID NO:56.

25. (New) The isolated protein of claim 24 which comprises amino acid residues 2 to 79 of SEQ ID NO:56.

26. (New) The isolated protein of claim 24 which comprises amino acid residues 1 to 79 of SEQ ID NO:56.